

Application No. 10/775,406
Amendment "A" dated March 13, 2006
Reply in Office Action mailed December 13, 2005

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 13, 2005 allowed claims 1-8 and 26-28 and rejected claims 16-21. By this paper, claims 16-21 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 26-28 are pending.

The Office Action also notes that a restriction requirement has been made and that an election of Group 1, claims 1-8, 16-21 and 26-28 was made by telephone on December 2, 2005. The Applicant hereby affirms this election and notes that the examiner has withdrawn the non-elected claims from further consideration in this patent application.

In order facilitate early allowance of this patent application, the Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims, such that the only remaining claims are those that have been previously allowed by the Examiner.

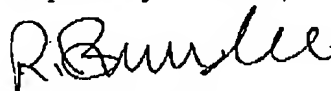
This amendment should not be seen as a concession that the claims rejected in the Office Action of December 13, 2005 are anticipated by or unpatentable over the references cited in the Office Action. The Applicant reserves the right to address the substantive issues regarding the rejection of these claims by way of a continuation application that may be filed at a future date.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-8 and 26-28 are in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2006.

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